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1. SECOND SESSION OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON INTER-
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NATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN

GENEVA FROM FEBRUARY 3 TO APRIL 18, 1975. BRITISH HAVE SCHEDULED WEO GROUP MEETING FOR LAST WEEK IN JANUARY 1975, TO BE HELD IN LONDON, IN ORDER TO COORDINATE BOTH ON SUBSTANCE AND TACTICS.

2. DURING INFORMAL SIDE DISCUSSIONS AT LUCERNE CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS (SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 18, 1974) IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT CONSULTATIONS AMONG US, UK, CANADA AND FRANCE, AS QTE INNER CORE UNQTE OF WEO GROUP, WOULD BE DESIRABLE AND COULD USEFULLY BE HELD IN EARLY JANUARY 1975, PRIOR TO FULL WEO GROUP MEETING IN LONDON. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT SUCH CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. WE THEREFORE REQUEST YOU TO PROPOSE TO HOST GOVERNMENT SMALL MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 9 AND 10 TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELEVANT FEBRUARY DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. WASHINGTON MEETING WOULD INCLUDE BOTH MILITARY AND DIPLOMAIIC REPRESENTATIVES AND COULD REVIEW

SUCH ISSUES AS PROBLEMS OF APPLICATION OF PROTOCOL 1 TO NATIONAL LIBERATION CONFLICTS, PROVISIONS RELATING TO COMBATANTS AND CIVILIANS, STRATEGY FOR AD HOC COMMITTEE ON WEAPONS, ETC. SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA WELCOME. MAW

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